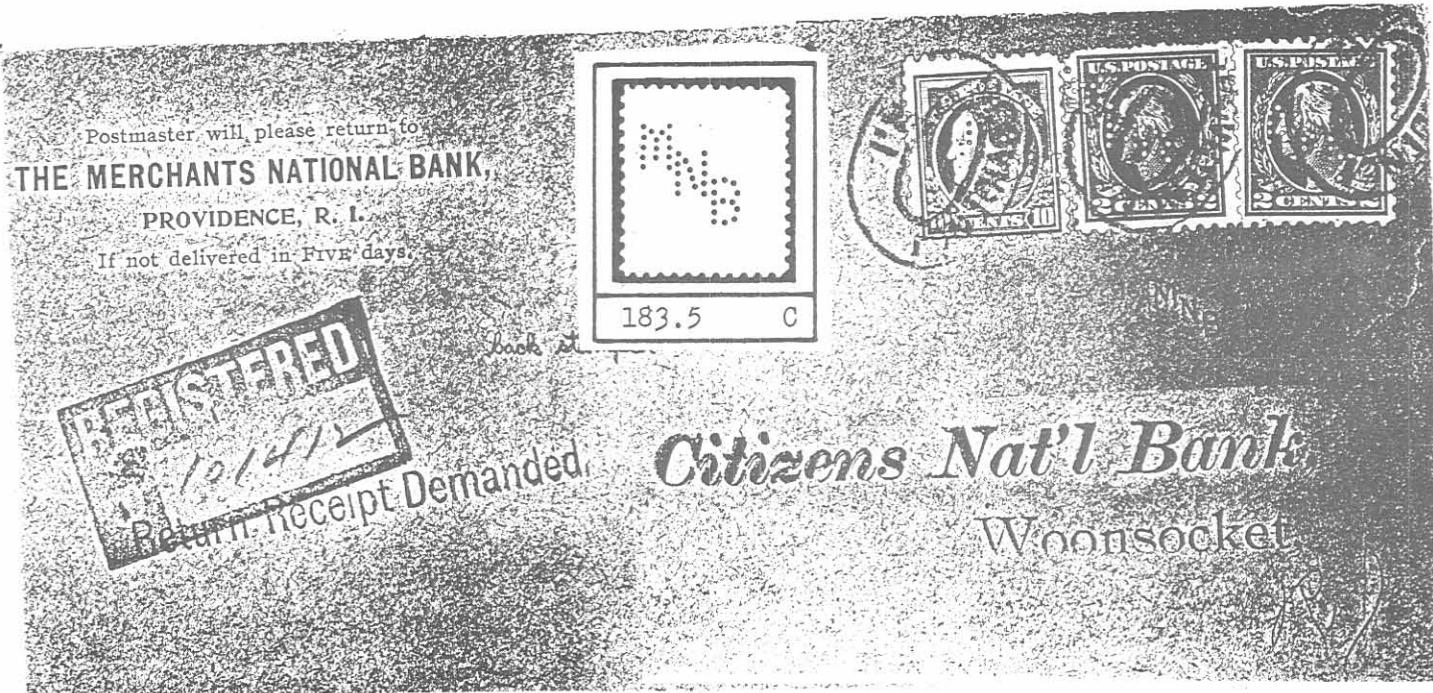


The Merchants National Bank - M183.5?

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I found this copy of perfin pattern M183.5 on the cover shown on page 156 with the corner card of "The Merchants National Bank, Providence, RI. The cover has been photographically cropped to permit it to be shown on the page. The perfin pattern's letters "MNB" matches the company's name. This registered cover was postmarked at Providence, RI. The cover is backstamped "Providence, RI/Registered/Dec 2, 1915." The stamps are two copies of a 2 cent Washington (probably

*Scott Catalogue* number 425) and one 10 cent Franklin (probably *Scott Catalogue* number 433). The *Catalog of United States Perfins*, 1979, does not list the users name, but it does provide the city listing of Providence.

A photocopy of this cover has been forwarded to US Catalog Editor, John Randall, for his evaluation. I would hope that this identification will be added to the new catalog.